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REMARKS

Claims 47-91 were pending in the application, with claims 1-46 previously canceled by a preliminary amendment submitted concurrently with the filing of the present application. In response to the election / restriction requirement mailed September 3, 2004, applicants have canceled the non-elected claims 47-71 and 85-91, amended claims 73-84, and added new claims 92-113. Claims 72-84 and 92-113 are now pending for examination on the merits.

Claims 73-84 are amended editorially for reasons not related to patentability. Namely, to correct editorial issues, claim dependencies and / or to otherwise improve the claim language. New claims 92-113 are method and system claims which are readable on the elected species. No new matter has been added.


If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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